GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1461
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2000
CENSUS IN JAMMU & KASHMIR
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kashmiri Pandits have demanded a separate census as a large number of them had left the valley since 1989;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any decision on their demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): No, Sir. However, Kashmiri Migrants have requested for a separate column for displaced Kashmiri Pandits, Sikhs and Muslims in the census sheet to incorporate `Migration from last place of residence due to terrorist threats from Kashmir` in the Census of India 2001.

(b),(c)&(d): The requests of the Kashmiri Migrants have been examined. Questions on `Birth Place` and Place of Last Residence` are being asked of every person throughout the country at the Census of India 2001. Thus the persons reporting themselves as born in J&K and/or having last residence in J&K migrating to other parts of the country for any reason would be enumerated as and where found in other parts of the country at the population enumeration of Census of India 2001.